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VARIA

Our Phoenix Parish was divided almost in half, last February, when 15 square miles went to the new St. Gregory Parish.

In San Diego, the Sisters of Guadalupe moved into a \$13,000 Convent provided by the parish. Two more classrooms were added, and now five more are being prepared at a cost of \$40,000. We hope to secure the property next to the rectory, for a school playground.

Fr. Madigan has been directed by the Bishop to build a new church.

St. Joseph's, San Jose, is putting up a new school. Due to delay in the work, classes will be held in the gym, at Holy Family Hall, and perhaps in the new school basement.

Holy Family, San Jose, has a large marble statue of St. Mother Cabrini. Fr. Roccati knew her in Seattle.

St. Mary's, San Jose, has paved the school playground, which is used on Sundays to park cars during services.

Santa Barbara Parish has lost about one-fourth of its area and 250 families, who have been transferred to the Guadalupe Parish.

Aug. 17-Sept. 17. Long Retreat at Port Townsend. Two of our Tertiaries are unable to be present: Fr. Solon due to illness, will stay out a year. Fr. Jos. Donohoe, still in a sick-bed at the hospital, will go to Port Townsend after the retreat. Two others are just making the Long Retreat which they missed last year, Frs. Ralph Brown and Joseph Rock.

Mr. Noran Martin in Argentina is due for ordination to the priesthood on Dec. 2 of this year.

Fr. Henaghan was a former Jesuit Novitiate in Mexico. It is now a national museum. The filigree work about the altars is pure gold leaf. An enterprising Jew offered \$70,000 to scrape off the gold, and repaint the 20 or more altars with gilt. Some one in the government was courageous and honest enough to refuse.

Fr. David McAstocker has received an Indult for reserving the Blessed Sac-

rament in his private chapel.

Fr. Robert C. Graham reports that 3222 students attended the Catholic U Summer School. They came from Holland, Chile, China, India, B.W.I., and the United States. There were 63 congregations of Sisters, and 39 congregations and orders of priests. There were 2000 graduate students.

BRO. ANDREW H. ARMSTRONG

1888 —Aug. 11, b. in Brooklyn, of Patrick H. Armstrong and Margaret Kenney.

1928 —July 16, began Novitiate.

1928-30—Novice, Los Gatos.

1930 —July 31, First Vows.

1930-32—Asst. Proc., Seattle College.

1932-33—Bro. Socius, San Jose.

1933-34—Loyola University.

1934-35—Asst. Proc., Alma.

1935-36—Asst. Proc., Los Gatos.

1936-43—In charge of Bookstore and tuition, Loy. Univ.

1939 —Feb. 2, Last Vows, L. U.

1943-45—Alma Western Jesuit office.

1945-47—Cur. val., Alma.

1947 —Aug. 11, d. at Alma (60-20).

Before entering the Society, Bro. Armstrong was a real estate agent in San Francisco. He had the genial and pleasant conversation of such an agent, gifts which he retained to the end.

A retreat at El Retiro caused him to seek admission into the Society. From the start he was given office work, an occupation which he retained as long as he was able to be of service.

He had charge of the tuition at Seattle College. When a student received a reduction, Brother, shrewdly noted this on the bill, and repeated it on every statement sent to the home. He found that parents forget they have been given a reduction, and even in more prosperous days think the reduction granted them, to be the regular school charge.

When Oregon and California became separate Provinces, Bro. Armstrong was brought to San Jose, and succeeded Bro. Den Denahy as Brother Socius.

At Loyola University he had charge

of the janitorial work in the school buildings. He saw to it that the clean-up men did a thoroughly good job. He collected tuition in the bookstore. On his machine for making out requisitions and receipts, he placed a prominent reminder: "Praise the Lord, and Pass Me Your Tuition."

In 1935, his mother and his brother Harold were killed in an auto accident. His mother died instantly, but Harold lingered for a few hours. He came to long enough to make his confession and to assist with the prayers for the anointing. Unconsciousness followed and death. Brother Armstrong was deeply grateful to God for this mercy to Harold.

While working in the Western Jesuit office at Alma, Brother had several bad heart spells. He returned to his work, as often as possible. He had finally to give up all work. He was anointed several times, and recovered as a result. He said he was "like a cork pushed down to the bottom of a full bottle, which floats right to the top again."

On Aug. 11, he had a bad spell at 3:30 a.m. He buzzed for the Infirmary. Bro. Robert McDermott found him in pain, but the usual sedative did not have much effect. Bro. McDermott called Fr. John Curran who anointed the dying man, now unconscious. By 3:55 Bro. Armstrong had quietly and peacefully expired. He had completed 59 years of life, his death occurred on his birthday; he had been 20 years in the Society.

The Alma Community in its entirety came in three large buses for the interment at Santa Clara. The Alma Choir sang beautifully at the grave.

R.I.P.

DEATHS

Jul. 19. Bishop Walter Fitzgerald, Seattle.

Aug. 8. Fr. Natalis Maruca, Tacoma.

Aug. 11. Br. Andrew Armstrong, Alma.

Fr. DeLucchi's brother-in-law.

Fr. Hugh Donavon's sister.

Fr. Thos. Donohoe's sister.

Fr. Gatz's father.

Mr. Mylott's father.

Mr. Newport's uncle.

Fr. Richard O'Rourke's brother.

Fr. Seeliger's brother.

Mr. Sexton's father.

Br. Stump's step-mother.

Fr. Weckbach's uncle.

SAN FRANCISCO

July 27. Solemn Departure Ceremonies for those going to China. V.R.

Fr. Provincial was celebrant; Fr. Moore preached.

The St. Ignatium Novena, preached by Fr. Raymond Butler, was well attended.

Aug. 3. Fr. Foote celebrated his Golden Jubilee as a priest. Fr. Provincial was celebrant, two ex-S. F. Rectors, Frs. Whelan and Wm. J. Dunne, were deacon and sub-deacon. Fr. Jos. Stack preached. Fr. Foote, who attended in a wheel-chair, spoke a few words of his own to the congregation. After Mass, his former Gentlemen's Sodality crowded to the sacristy. Summer School Registration.

U.S.F. 1018. High School 125.

The U.S.F. group comprised: Priests 3; Scholastics 3; Brothers 6; Sisters 113; Laymen 863; Laywomen 30.

The fifth of the large stained glass windows has been installed.

The Annual Commencement was held in the War Memorial Opera House for the first time since the beginning of the war. It was a grand ceremony. One of the touching details, was the address of the Valedictorian. His father died on Commencement Day, and his speech was read most affectingly by a fellow graduate.

BELLARMINE PREP

Aug. 15. Frs. Corvi and Colosimo pronounced their Last Vows.

Four new classrooms have been built with government barracks and will accommodate over 100 new students.

The handball courts have been resurfaced with asphalt. The track has been completed and resurfaced.

Lights have been installed for night games at the outdoor tennis and basketball courts.

Jesuit Graduates have been signed up to teach and coach. Joe Sullivan, Bellarmine '32 and Santa Clara '36, is head football coach. Emile Corbolene, Bellarmine '26 and Santa Clara '30, is head basketball coach and assistant football coach. Ed Alligue, a graduate from St. Ignatius High and Santa Clara, is line coach in football.

Our baseball team won the Summer Inter-City League against Santa Clara, Sunnyvale and the two local high schools of San Jose and Lincoln. Ten straight games were won without a defeat.

Eight Sodalists attended the Chicago SSCA.

Fr. Carr attended San Jose State for a Summer Session in English. The English professor, comparing Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" with Augustine's

"City of God," said Augustine leaves him cold. A fellow student, a Methodist, stated that most of the students are completely confused in religious matters, and are getting no satisfaction in college courses or in Protestant sermons. Fr. Dailey convinced the Methodist of the need of an authoritative Teacher of Religion.

SANTA CLARA

Aug. 17. Fourteen members of the Jesuit Seismological Society of the United States, arrived for their annual meeting. Excursions were conducted to various areas or Northern California to examine results of former earthquakes.

Seven commodious steel structures have been erected for the Engineering Laboratories. Two other steel buildings are being assembled on Stanton Field to accommodate additional students during the coming semester.

The roads of the main drive at the entrance to the University have been repaved with a heavy coating of asphalt.

Aug. 9-18. A total of 86 priests, scholastics and brothers attended the annual retreat under Fr. Vaughan's direction.

The heating plant has been completely renovated with the installation of three large steam boilers.

Aug. 15. The Scholastics sang during the Mass for Fr. Pociask's Last Vows. His mother and sister came from Los Angeles for the ceremony.

"The Guide Book to the Mission Church and Cloister Garden," compiled by Fr. Henry Walsh, will appear on September 1st. It contains 16 pages of historical information and 16 kodachrome illustrations.

Sept. 7. A second printing of Fr. Walsh's "Hallowed Were the Gold Dust Trails" will be on sale.

The Lions Club of Santa Clara is making preparations to erect a beautiful granite cross on the site of the first Santa Clara Mission, to perpetuate the memory of the first settlers in the Santa Clara Valley.

CHINA

The Provincial left Shanghai, Saturday, July 12, a.m., and arrived in San Jose, Sunday, July 13, p.m. (However, there were two Sundays on the trip.)

Fr. Dailey arrived in San Francisco July 13. There were 1399 passengers on board, including 8 priests, 2 Brothers and 2 sisters. Though some of the others skipped a few days, Fr. Dailey said Mass each day.

1947 August Group for China: Frs. Deward (Sup.), Curran, Fahy, Gordon, Houle, McCarthy, O'Leary, Oliger, Messrs. Klaeser and Mibach. Their ship which was to have sailed on Aug. 15, left Aug. 17. They had to go in a Crowley launch to the ship and in a badly rocking sea, climb the Jacob's Ladder to get aboard. Some 48 trunks went with the group, loaded chiefly with Mission supplies.

After one year at the Language School, Messrs. John Clifford and Foley will start theology at Zikawei this year.

In Nanking we were visited on July 31 by General Wedemeyer, who attended Creighton Prep before going to West Point. On Aug. 3, Bullitt, former ambassador to Russia, dined at our house.

Messrs. Geo. Donohoe and Wong taught English during the summer at our Nanking Middle School. Sept. 1, they will be back at Chabanel.

Aug. 1. Fr. Murphy became Superior in Nanking.

Aug. 3. Fr. McGreal named Superior in Shanghai.

During the summer, Frs. Thornton and Dan Clifford made special Chinese studies at Chabanel.

Fr. Wm. Ryan had an eye operation, performed by the Polish priest-doctor, Fr. Suniewicz, a Vincentian, and was hospitalized for a week.

Last Vows—Aug. 15.

- Fr. Burman—Boston.
- Fr. Callahan—Jersey City.
- Fr. Colosimo—Bellarmino.
- Fr. Dailey—Los Angeles.
- Fr. Darrell Finnegan—Boston.
- Fr. Lucy—San Francisco.
- Fr. Rich. Meagher—Portland.
- Fr. Pociask—Santa Clara.
- Fr. Wilson—San Francisco.
- Fr. Gavin (N. E.)—Los Angeles.

1948 Jubilarians

Sixty Years.

- Fr. James Malone, July 31.
- Fr. O. Villa, Oct. 8.

Fifty Years.

- Fr. Cornelius Deeney, July 23.

ALMA

Mr. Otto Mueller was three times operated on for stomach trouble. The doctor despaired of saving the life of the patient. Due to countless prayers and vigils for his recovery, Mr. Mueller has returned to Alma and looks as well as ever. Four Scholastics donated blood in return for the supply used for Mr. Mueller.

June 14. The Alma Choir, under Mr. John Huesman's direction, sang at the Bellarmine Graduation Mass.

June 16. 513 guests attended the First Masses at Alma.

Summer School Teaching. Frs. Prendiville and O'Brien, and Mr. Willis Egan taught at U.S.F. Frs. O'Neill, Werts, Hagemann and O'Brien at Loyola University. Fr. Wm. Huesman at the private Summer School of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Los Angeles.

July 14. Mr. Thomas Sexton was summoned to Tacoma by the death of his father.

July 22-31. Fr. Maher gave the community retreat. In addition to the theologians, 27 priests, 1 scholastic and 7 brothers came from other houses for the retreat.

Fr. Donnelly accompanied Bishop Duane Hunt of Salt Lake, during his visit on the coast.

Mr. Wm. Keenan is beadle; Mr. Robert Leonard, sub-beadle.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

Summer School Registration:

Regular Classes	549
Loyola Institutes	218
Sta. Monica-Fresno Institutes ...	100

	861

The 549 comprised—

—451 Regular Students—

98 Special Students, namely: Sec. Priests, 2; Sisters, 14; Laymen, 27; Laywomen, 26; Scholastics, 29.

78 attended the Fresno Institute on Catechetics: Bishop, 1; Priests, 22; Sisters, 45; Laywomen, 10.

22 Sisters attended the Santa Monica Institute on Grace.

LOYOLA HIGH

June 8. Graduation Exercises were held on a large, impressive stage, built in the school stadium for the occasion.

The student-bdy for the coming year is well over 900.

During the summer, Fr. Gaffney supplied at Phoenix; Fr. Stack replaced absent pastors in various city parishes; Frs. Maginnis and Kelly were in Mono County; Fr. Geo. Crowley took his brother's place for six weeks at Lone Pine; Fr. Ransford studied chemistry at Fordham.

LOS GATOS

May 26. Fr. Manuel Mercador and Mr. Manuel Virasoro, Argentine Missionaries for China, arrived to spend the summer studying English, before

respectively going to Tertianship and 3rd year Philosophy.

June 9. Frs. Peeters and De Brand-anderer, Belgian Missionaries to Japan, came to await their ship.

Fr. Maring is Procurator.

Fr. Schechtel is Librarian.

First Vows:

May 25. Coadjutor Bros. Leonard Sullivan and Joseph Madruga.

July 25. Bro. William Thom.

July 31. Bro. George Krivanek.

Aug. 15. Bros. Richard Hill, Charles Koch, Donald McHugh, Leo and Martin Rock, Robert St. Clair.

Aug. 14. The following 32 Scholastic Novices arrived:

From Loyola High.

John Boyle, James Crowley, Caesar Gonzales, Robert Jay, Terrence Koch, Angelo Musante, Edmund Shea, Norman Walling, Robert Welch.

From L.U.

Robert Arrowsmith, George Carroll, Thomas Hanrahan, Walter Lees, George O'Brien, Michael Polito, Carlo Weber.

From S.I.H.

Ernest Bracchi, Philip Callaghan, James Fitzpatrick, Leo Hyde, James Latham, Gerald Lentz, Robert Mihan, Robert Wagner.

From U.S.F.

Richard Coz, Robert Eddy, James Gill.

From Other Places.

(L.A. Junior Seminary), Michael Buckley and Arthur Connolly; (Long Beach) Henry Bennett; (St. Louis U) John Morris; (L.A. Cathedral High) Louis Peinado.

Aug. 17. Samuel Tattu entered from Loyola High.

On Aug. 18, the Novices totaled 88: Coadjutors 15; Newcomers 33; Older Novices 40.

Fr. Master gave the clergy retreats at El Retiro, for the Sacramento priests, 36 in one group and 40 in the other. This may be the last time Sacramento will make retreats at Los Altos; the Passionists have opened a retreat house in the Sacramento Diocese.

In gratitude for the food and clothing sent by the Province through Los Gatos to the Turin Province, V.R. Fr. Aemilio Sogni (Provincial) under date of Apr. 30, 1947, directed that each priest in the Novitiate and at the College of Cuneo, should say one Mass a week for a year, and that the non-priests should offer one Mass, one Communion and the beads once a week for a year for the Province of California.